844). Controller **504** disables power from driver **518** and display element **516**, thereby turning off display area **132** (step **846**). The method continues back at step **808** in FIG. **8**A.

The visual information corresponding to step **844** may be the same as that described in relation to step **804** (time, date, etc.). Preferably, the visual information corresponding to step **844** includes information regarding the two-way call, such as the duration of the call, "units" of time used for the call, the amount of money charged for the call, or any combination of the above. Such information may be real or approximated; base station **104** may send this information to mobile station **102** and/or mobile station **102** may be equipped with a real time clock (not shown). Also preferably, if such preferred information is displaced, display area **516** displays similar or the same visual information as that described in relation to step **804** (time, date, etc.) after an expiration of a predetermined time period or after an actuation of one of the plurality of keys **144**.

At step **832**, housing portion **114** may not be opened after a detection of the incoming call, and thus controller **504** may not detect the control signal from switch **508**. Controller **504** may detect an actuation of one of the plurality of keys **144** via key circuit **513** (step **848**). In response thereto, controller **504** initiates an immediate forwarding of the incoming call to voice mail or to an answering device with memory, where a synthesized message is played to a caller and a voice message may be recorded (step **850**).

At step **848**, none of the plurality of keys **144** may be actuated after a detection of the incoming call, and thus controller **504** may not detect any signals from key circuit **513**. Controller **504** continues to monitor detection of signals from switch **508** and key circuit **513** in steps **832** and **848**.

The option described in relation to steps **848** and **850** may be preferred when it is not desired to answer the incoming call (perhaps upon viewing the visual information in display area **130**) and to hear or feel signals from alert **509** or vibrator **511** for a long duration of time.

Mobile station **102** may operate display areas **130** and **132** in response to other input signals. For example, FIG. **4** shows a view **400** of a holster **408** having a side **410**. Mobile station **102** has electrical contacts **404** (also FIG. **4**) on a rear side **402** thereof. On an inside of side **410**, holster has a conductive element **412** having a contact **412** and a contact **414**. When mobile station **102** is outside of holster **408**, display area **130** is powered off and display area **132** is powered on (if exposed). When mobile station **102** is inserted into holster **408**, two of electrical contacts **404** are shorted from conductive element **412** and, in response to this, display area **130** is powered on by controller **504** while display area **130** is powered off.

FIG. **9** shows another alternate embodiment of a mobile station, in particular a mobile station **900**. Mobile station **900** includes a housing portion **902** and a housing portion **904** coupled together via a hinge **905**, where housing portion **904** is movable from open and closed positions. In FIG. **9**, housing portion **904** is shown in the open position. Mobile station **902** also includes a retractable antenna **906** outwardly extendable from housing portion **902**, a speaker **908** disposed in and outwardly directed from housing portion **902**, a microphone **910** disposed in and outwardly directed from housing portion **904**, and a keypad **912** carried on housing portion **902**. Mobile station **902** includes a display area **914** outwardly directed from a front of housing portion **902**, and a display area **916** outwardly directed from housing portion **904**. When housing portion **904** is moved to the closed position, display area **916** is obstructed from view, whereas display area **916** is available for viewing. Display area **914** preferably includes a single line LED display, and display area **916** preferably includes a large graphics LCD display. Mobile station **902** operates similarly or in the same way as mobile station **102** as described in relation to the flowchart of FIGS. **8**A and **8**B.

While particular embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, modifications may be made. For example, display area **130** of FIG. **1** may be placed along any suitable side of housing portions **112** and **114** for displaying visual information to a user. It is therefore intended in the appended claims to cover all such changes and modifications which fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

**1**. A portable communication device with first and second display areas, the device comprising:

a common flexible display element wherein the first and second display areas are substantially perpendicular to each other and the common display element is bent to provide display portions to both the first and second display areas;

a radio transceiver configured to detect incoming paging calls and incoming telephone calls from a calling unit and to receive information corresponding thereto; and

a controller coupled to the transceiver and the display areas, the controller provides status information of the communication device and controls said first display area to display one of paging information and communication device status information therein and controls said second display area for displaying at least one of telephone call information, paging information and device status information therein, upon connection of the incoming call the controller transfers the information displayed in the first display area to the second display area, and turns off the first display area.

**2**. The portable communication device according to claim **1**, wherein the device status information is alphanumeric information including at least one of date and time information, battery level indication, communication "in use" indication, roam indication, duration of a call, "units" of time used for a call, and an amount of money charged for a call.

**3**. The portable communication device according to claim **1**, further comprising a backlight for the first and second display areas, the backlight is adapted to be independently toggled between on and off states through the actuation of a key.

**4**. The portable communication device according to claim **1**, wherein said paging information includes messaging data and caller identification (caller ID) information of a calling unit upon receipt of a call therefrom.

**5**. The portable communication device according to claim **1**, wherein upon actuation by a key on the communication device an incoming call is immediately forwarded to an answering system with memory, wherein a message is played to a caller and a message from the caller can be recorded.

**6**. The portable communication device according to claim **1**, further comprising a movable element movable between an open position and a closed position detectable by the controller, wherein the movable element serves to cover the second display area in the closed position, and wherein

when said movable element is moved from the closed position to the open position said controller directs said